

# Spikers Vie in Pioneer Prelims

Payoff time arrives at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Palos Verdes as the Pioneer League conducts its track preliminaries in preparation for the loop final on May 4.

Culver City, Aviation and Torrance appear to have the best chance of walking away with the circuit championship, with the Centaurs holding an inside edge.

Torrance should show considerable strength in the distances and hurdles with Tony Bareford, Denis Dyer and the Ascolesi twins showing the way.

BAREFORD, the second place 880 man in the state meet as a junior last year, has missed the last several dual meets with a pulled tendon

and the measles, and may not yet have returned to early-season form.

At the beginning of the campaign, the Tartar flash posted a sub-1:57 time for the half mile, but had not returned to that clocking prior to his injury.

DYER, primarily a mile man, has moved down to the 880 on occasion and has gone under two minutes.

George Ojard is figured to bring in valuable points for Torrance in the shot put. Ojard has hefted the iron pellet over 53 feet on several occasions throughout the year and has been consistently over 51 feet.

JERRY ASCOLESI runs the hurdles for Torrance as well

as competing in the high jump and broad jump. His brother Larry, while seldom a winner, has been consistently in the second-place slot in both the century and 220 during league dual meets.

Culver City will bank on speedster Don Skinner to pull in the points. Skinner will probably enter the hurdle events as well as the broad jump.

AVIATION IS spearheaded by Ron Hahn, the top Falcon in four events. Hahn will go in the hurdles, the 120 and the high jump.

In the distances, the Falcons will also be tough to beat with Doug Chaney (mile) and Leroy Timm (80) handling the chores.

FROM THE May 4 finals, also held on the Palos Verdes oval at 2 p.m., the spikers traverse into the CIF prelims on May 12, into the semi-finals on May 19, then into the finals on May 25 at Mt. San Antonio College.

The state meet will be held on June 2 in Modesto.

## Baseball Day Set Saturday In Torrance

Mayor Albert Isen has proclaimed Saturday as "Torrance Youth Baseball Day" and urges citizens and business men to "Support the Torrance Youth Baseball Program."

Highlighting the day's activities will be a Baseball Parade featuring the theme, "Spring Training," beginning at 10 a.m. as well as the crowning of Miss Baseball of Torrance and Miss Little League at 2 p.m.

Beauty contest winners were determined in judging at WALTERIA Park Easter Sunday.

MISS LITTLE LEAGUE of Torrance is Cathie Shimmin from North Torrance West Little League. The runners-up are Miss Linda Howe, Torrance American Little League and Miss Linda Hagerman, Southwood Little League.

Miss Baseball of Torrance is Miss Gloria Adams, representing the Central Torrance Babe Ruth League. The runners-up are Miss Linda Ries, North Torrance Babe Ruth League and Miss Christine Saunders, North Torrance Pony League.

PLAYERS FROM all Torrance leagues have been invited to march in the parade with the Torrance Youth Band and musicians from North, South and Torrance High Schools, Bill Korchenky, commissioner, announced.

Forming on Maricopa between Maple and Crenshaw, the parade will march west to Crenshaw, south on Crenshaw to Torrance Boulevard, west on Torrance Boulevard to Madonna, and then north to the City Hall for parade ceremonies.

"All leagues are urged to enter floats in each of the three categories of the parade. Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding entries in each division," Korchenky said.

## Local Nines Begin Year On Saturday

Torrance Little League baseball will begin its 1962 season Saturday, with three Torrance teams scheduled to see action on local diamonds.

TORDONDO LITTLE LEAGUE Exhibition games will begin at Tordondo Field at 12:30 following a Baseball Parade from downtown Torrance set for Saturday morning.

Immediately preceding the games will be a talk by Washington Senator scout, George Metkovich.

A former member of the Boston Red Sox, Metkovich was once voted a Pacific Coast Most Valuable Player and was manager of the San Diego Padres.

EAST TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE

Speaking at the opening games of the East Torrance Little League will be Bob Shoup, baseball and football coach at North High School, and Alex Bravo of the Oakland Raiders.

Recently selected Queen Janet Haney and princesses Shery Feist and Sue Wilson will be crowned during the ceremonies and receive their trophies.

Play will begin at 1 at Garret Field, 190th and Arlington Avenue in East Torrance.

WEST TORRANCE LEAGUE

Local business dignitaries will be on hand for the opening game of the West Torrance Pony League set for 12:30 Saturday.

Pony League officials on hand for the event will include Dave Hayward and Herb Fisher, as well as Bill Arnstein, area director for the League.

Carl Fisher, show chairman and director for the Gay Nineties Play at the Moose Lodge of Torrance, will sing the national anthem.

A "Round Robin" will follow the program.

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